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COIR WORKERS WELFARE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a Production Enhanced Linked Coir Workers Welfare Scheme for the coir workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of schemes envisaged in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the rejuvenation of coir industry.:

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) Government of India through the Coir Board have implemented a `Production Enhancement Linked Coir Workers Welfare Scheme` in August 2005 on an experimental basis at a total cost of Rs. 130 lakh. Coir clusters were provided financial assistance to the tune of 90% of the total cost for setting up of common facility centres, work sheds, community hall, rest room, crÃ¨che, potable drinking water facilities, sanitary toilets, godowns, etc. The balance 10% of the cost was by way of beneficiary contribution. The actual implementation of the Scheme, which was started towards the end of 2005-2006 could be completed only during 2006-2007 covering 16 clusters in 5 states namely Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) A new Central Sector Scheme on Rejuvenation, Modernisation & Technology Upgradation of the Coir Industry is under consideration for possible implementation during XI Plan at an estimated total outlay of Rs. 243 crore with the objective of improving the wages and income levels of spinners and tiny/household units while increasing their efficiency and productivity by replacement of outdated machinery. Out of an overall cost of Rs. 243 crore, Rs. 99 crore would be Government grant, Rs. 132 crore would be term loan and Rs. 12 crore would be investment from targetted beneficiaries.